



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 24, 2017**  
**Schedule 33**

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 24, 2017**

### **SB 1143    Senators Bates and Nathan–Pulliam**

#### **SALES AND USE TAX – TAX–FREE WEEKEND – ELLICOTT CITY AND ELLICOTT’S MILLS HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

Designating the 3–day period from July 28, 2017, through July 30, 2017, to be a tax–free period for shopping in the Ellicott City Historic District and the Ellicott’s Mills Historic District during which a specified sales and use tax exemption shall apply, if the taxable price of the item is \$100 or less.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TG, § 11-233 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 1144    Senator Robinson**

#### **PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND – JANITORIAL PRODUCTS**

Clarifying that the requirement that a State or State aided or controlled entity include in specified maintenance contracts a requirement that a prime contractor procure janitorial products from the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland under specified circumstances applies to products made or manufactured by the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, § 14-103 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 1145 Senator Benson****MARYLAND FAIR SCHEDULING ACT**

Requiring a specified employer, except under specified circumstances, to pay specified employees at a specified rate for specified shifts; providing that a shift trade includes when the employer transmits the shift trade offer under specified circumstances; providing that an employee has the right to decline work hours that occur during the 11 hours following the end of a shift; requiring an employer to pay one-and-a-half times the employees regular rate for any hours worked during the 11 hours following the previous shift; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, §§ 2-106(b) and 3-102(a) - amended and §§ 3-103(k) and 3-1301 through 3-1311 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1146 Senator Middleton****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Clean Energy Center and the University of Maryland Energy Research Center jointly to conduct a study on the renewable energy portfolio standard and related matters; providing for the scope of the study; providing specific subjects for the study to address; requiring specified State and local units to cooperate with the centers in the conduct of the study; requiring the centers to report to the Governor and specified committees on or before specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

PU, § 7-714 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1147 Senator Mathias****STATE BOAT ACT – VESSEL OPERATION – PROHIBITION WHEN INDIVIDUAL ON THE BOW, GUNWALE, OR TRANSOM**

Prohibiting an individual from operating a vessel on the waters of the State while another individual is riding on or suspended from the vessel's bow, gunwale, or transom in a dangerous manner; establishing a maximum penalty of \$300 for a violation of the Act; and authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 8-738.3 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1148** Senator Ferguson**MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – MARYLAND SPORTS AND AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing an office known as Maryland Sports in the Maryland Stadium Authority; requiring Maryland Sports to implement a program to bring regional, national, and international sporting events to the State in order to maximize utilization of sports facilities in the State, to enhance economic development, and to promote the State as a sporting events destination; requiring Maryland Sports to act as the State's sports commission for purposes of the National Association of Sports Commissions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EC, §§ 10-611 and 10-612 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules